



# Weekly E-Newsletter





**Highlights/News/Events/Activities** 

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

# Happy Birthday Message: Happy Birthday to Syed Shahanshah, (District MER Ghotki) Wishes you many many more with health, happiness and prosperity. Always stay blessed!

#### **EU Delegation Visit**

Mr. Georges Dehoux, First Secretary, Development Advisor for Rural Development & Nutrition, EU Delegation to Pakistan, as scheduled, visited village Umeed Ali Junejo in District Qamber-Shahdadkot and village Zakrio Mahessar in District Larkana.

At both the locations, he participated in Programme Introduction (PI) dialogues conducted under the SRSO component. of the EU funded SUCCESS Programme.

During the PI dialogues, Mr. Georges interacted with the rural women and said that he has come here to see them and that he will visit again after four years to see the change achieved.

Followed by the PI events, Mr. Georges Dehoux also observed the ongoing activity of Poverty Score Card (PSC) data collection in District Larkana. He observed the process of data collection and asked few basic questions pertaining to the methods of data collection, and the purpose of marking at the household level. CEO SRSO, Team Leader-SUCCESS and District Managers of Larkana and Qamber-Shahdadkot were also present during the visits.



#### **EU delegation Visit of UCBPRP Districts**

The First Secretary, Development Advisor for Rural Development and Nutrition, EU Delegation to Pakistan, Mr. Georges Dehoux, visited Jacobabad and Shikarpur districts today on 26th May. He interacted with the women members of LSO Shaheen in Jacobabad District and VO Baijlo in Shikarpur district.

The members of CIs gave detailed presentations describing the initiatives undertaken, and the progress and achievements made so far by these community institutions on self-help basis under the UCBPRP programme.

The members also shared details about their current activities and the linkages that they have



Sindh's developed with the Govt of Departments and other organisations. Mr. Georges visited the kitchen gardening and tree plantations projects by VO Baijlo in their village. He admired the role of rural women and thanked them for their active participation. During the visits, the district Govt officials and SRSO-SUCCESS team members were also present. The visit of Mr. Georges at SRSO is scheduled for three days from 26-28th May 2016. On the last two days, he will visit the Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot districts, where SRSO is implementing the European Union funded SUCCESS Programme.

#### **Coordination and Planning Meeting HCC team Ghotki**

After the completion of 155 CHWs training, HCC Ghotki team conducted coordination and planning meeting. In the meeting team briefly discussed the file record review, the time duration of CHWs joining, payment of stipend and role and responsibilities of Social Organizers.

#### **Progress Review Meeting of NFE centers**

Progress review meeting held at District Office Kashmore-Kandh Kot with SRP team and SRSO officials on dated 28th May 2016. The agenda of the meeting was to check the syllabus which has been covered and to discuss on key issues related to the NFE curriculum.



#### Date: 27<sup>th</sup> May-2016

#### Awareness Workshops for Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

During the week, Micro-Health Insurance (MHI) Sector arranged Awareness Workshops in different areas of SRSO outreach in close coordination with concerned district teams including



with respective DM. The Workshops lead by Mr. Rashid Hussain Bhatti (MHI-Manager) along with his team. The main purpose of these workshops brief was to give knowledge about the importance of Micro-Health Insurance Package, Purpose of Insurance, Services of Insurance, Utilization of MHI-Cards, the process to get the health facilities/facilitation panel at hospitals. The Venues of workshops were VO Gul Sher Khan Khoso Jacobabad & Shadadkot. Many VOs

and COs' members participated along with local SRSO officials.

## Quarterly Progress Review Meeting at DC office Mirpur

DC called a quarterly meeting on Health Sector at DC Office Mirpur Mathelo. Mr. Ashique Ali Kalwar (DM District Ghotki) and DPO HCC Ghotki have participated.



#### **Credit dialogue among Cluster of Community Organization**

#### Date 25<sup>th</sup> May-2016

#### **Weekly Meeting of SMU Khanpur**



A Planning meeting is held at Social Mobilisation Unit Dakhan office. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Abdul Latif Soomro (DM-Shikarpur). The agenda/purpose of the meeting was to chalk out future planning, setting as well as assigning of new targets and review of weekly progress based earlier targets.

#### **Completion of formation of CSG**

The CHWs have started the Formation of community support group (CSG) after getting training of batches. A total of 480 coomunity support groups are formed and the remaining will be formed during the running week.



#### **UNICEF Delegation Visit of CRFA Schemes at Ghotki District**



On dated 25-05-16 UNICEF delegation Ms. Zahida & Mr. Shakeel visited the Safe play area scheme in village Gulzar Korai & and also visited the Library scheme in village Mureed Kaladi of union council

Berriri.

### BLF PROJECT VISIT By MR. NISAR AHMED PATHAN (FOCAL PERSON HelpAge International Project)



Focal HelpAge person International Project, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Pathan visited the District office Shikarpur and discussed with BLF staff on the process and progress of data entry assignment. A part from this, he also discussed the same thing Mr. with Shahzado Khaskheli on the day to day progress and completion date. He had shown satisfaction on the data management for the BLF

project which will further support to draft the analytical report in future.

#### Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May-2016

#### Attended VO routine meeting during field monitoring visit

District Monitoring Officer Jacobabad attended the routine meeting of VO VO Jam Arey Khan Union Council (UC) Khudabad.. During the visit, the respective SMT members were also accompanied of visitor. All VO members participated in the said meeting discussed the things/items in great based on set agenda. Meeting concluded with the key decisions made by the VO members with proper



deadlines and responsibilities. In last some members also submitted their savings.

#### Date 24th May-2016

#### **BOD Members Meeting at LSO Nao-Awaz**



As per schedule, the meeting of BoD members of Nao-Awaz is held on 24-05-2016 at Chutallabad UC Alanpur- Garhi Khero. The agenda of the meeting was to activate as well as expedite the functioning of some of the COs/VOs for some indispensable causes i.e. initiate the linkages development, regularization of their routine

meetings, practices of regular savings with special focus on the very important cause of EPI vaccination and proper coverage of all concerned villages and the effective function of education centers. The BoD members have made key decisions and assigned the responsibilities to members to continuously monitor aforementioned activities in respective villages and will inform the BoD members on regular improvements and development.

#### Date: 24th May 2016

#### Planning Meeting with Cluster Schools Head teachers for Summer Vacation



syllabus for slow learners in summer vacation.

A meeting held at SRSO head office by Social Sector Services (SSS) Senior Manager Mr.
Naimatullah Shaikh with Cluster Schools head Teachers on dated 24<sup>th</sup> May-2016.The agenda of the meeting was to finalize the foundation classes timing and

#### Date 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

#### **Commencement of Tution classes for Slow Learners**



Cluster school management has taken initiative by starting the tution classes for the slow learners who belong to such areas where the educational facilities have been compromised which result the slow learning process in children of those areas. The purpose of arranging tution classes is to enable those all children who can respond promptly in various subjects especially English. For this purpose, a

separate and new course/curriculum is designed by the teachers which will be learned to the children during the summer vacations.

#### Date 23<sup>rd</sup> May-2016

#### HCP- Six days training and certificates distribution ceremony



distributed among the trained CHWs.

Under the USAID funded MCH Program's Health Communication Component, Community Health Workers (CHWs) are being trained on IPC Tool Kit Use on Household & Community Support Group Meetings. The CHWs will be working on improving mother and child health in their assigned population through Community Support Group Meetings and household visits. In last Training certificate completion were

#### **LSO Management Training**



Institute of Management & Skill Development (IMSD) of SRSO have arranged a two phases of Training of LSO members on LSO Management. In this training LSO members from various districts have participated and this training was comprised on three days period.

#### **Awareness Sessions**

Under the USAID funded CRFA Project Awareness sessions were conducted during the week. A total of 178 awareness sessions were conducted with Men, women, boys and girls on 89 MFCCs.



# CRFA Project-Hand embroidery/Handicraft activity

Various significant sessions are also conducted among the rural women in different MFCCS. These sessions have enormously helped the women to work within their homes regarding Hand Embroidery and Handicrafts which has enhanced their understanding in respect to new designs and techniques in 13 MFCCS.

#### **CRFA Project-Rilli Making activity**

Similar natures of session are also conducted with the rural women in order to support them out on the work of hand embroidery and the Rillee making. Through these session the rural women has enabled to understand the work of these trades and can start the work while staying within their respective homes. Sessions also helped out the women to comprehend the new designs and tecniques of both trades under 16 MFCCS.



#### **CRFA Project-Vaccination Camp Activity**





Different awareness sessions are organized on the issues pertaining to the health especially of women and children in rural areas. Besides awareness sessions, a free vaccination camp is also arranged in which the women and children were vaccinated in 01 MFCC.

#### **Training of CHWs**

In this week, training has arranged for the CHWs on the IPC toolkit. as before this training the respective CHWs were trained on technical contents. A total of 155 CHWs have trained on the technical contents and use of IPC toolkit during the household visit and community support group (CSG) meetings.



#### **Polio Coordination Meeting**



HCP team attended the coordination meeting at District Health office. The meeting agenda was the CHWs working in Polio Campaign and updating on project activities. It was decided that during campaign days, one member from SRSO will be present/available in polio control room for solving the problem in any case of any complaint.

#### LINKAGES BUILDING BETWEEN OPA AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION:

In order to get support from government organizations and inclusion of schemes, OPA Ibrahim Soomro of district Shikarpur submitted a scheme with Executive Engineer Shikarpur Drainage Division in April, 2016 for the cleaning of saline drain four R. The concerned department has accepted their scheme and issued tender for the work. Older people of the area considered and confident that cleaning of saline bed would protect agriculture land and houses from the rain flood destruction; which is frequent in the area.



SRSO-IFL Cheque Distribution Ceremony at Khairpur



#### **MOU Signing Meeting with Indus Heritage Trust**

Indus Heritage Trust (IHT) and Sindh Rural Support Organization has signed a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) for promoting Entrepreneurship and Support in establishing Common facility Centers (CFCs) in rural areas of Sindh.

On the occasion Chairperson of Indus Heritage Trust (IHT) Ms. Siddiqa Malik and Chief Executive Officer of SRSO Mr.

Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro was present with their team Members.

The main objective is to provide a sustainable solution to female artisans for enterprise development. This collaboration will enable women artisans of rural areas to establish CFS,a platform will provide for scaling up their production capacity and will strengthen market linkages in the country as well as abroad.

These CFCs will be equipped with necessary

infrastructure and will serve as one stop facilitating contacts for artisans to display their products, for business development services and provide linkages with input suppliers and nationwide retail chain stores and designers.